

CANADA HOLDS THE WHIP HAND

**In the Trade Treaty Negotiations
With France—Opposition May
Be Withdrawn.**

tion, and, finally, the ratification of the Franco-Canadian trade convention of last year by the French Senate at its present session, it is altogether probable the Canadian government will give a formal notice of the abrogation of the existing treaty, as negotiated by Sir Charles Tupper in 1883. Under the conditions of the latter treaty, Canada is practically excluded from entering into any preferential tariff agreements with other countries, because of the clause in the treaty which compels Canada to give to France and her colonies the benefits of the Canadian minimum tariff against any other country.

by Mr. H. W. S. Fielding and Hon. J. P. Brodeur this clause was eliminated and the way was opened for Canada to enter into reciprocal trade agreements with Germany, Belgium or other countries, and the United States at the same time, being compelled to extend to France all the concessions granted these countries. The treaty of 1893 is of little practical value, to Canada, the only item of export benefiting to any extent by the reduced French tariff being lobsters. Consequently, if the French Senate continues its opposition to the new treaty, Canada will lose nothing by the abrogation of this old trade treaty and will be free to enter into trade agreements

May Withdraw Opposition.—No definite news has been received from Paris as to whether or not the French government can induce the senate to ratify the treaty during the present session. The tenor of the last despatch received, however, indicated that there was a fair prospect of withdrawal of the new treaty, and the news of its ratification may be received at any time. The Senate has been in session since October.

One of the objections raised in France to the treaty is that Switzerland is included in the list of coun-

The "national" clause of the Canadian Customs Act and would therefore be entitled to the benefits of the tariff concessions granted to France by Canada. Swiss exporters in silks and other competing lines could, therefore, compete on equal lines with French importers. There is some doubt, however, as to whether Switzerland's treaty with Great

to the Canadian minimum tariff, and in any case provisionally the new Franco-Canadian treaty requires direct shipments from export to the port would, in the opinion of the government, be shut out Switzerland and from sharing in the tariff concessions of France.

NO GROCERS' COMBINE.

Prosecution in Grocers' Guild Case Ended—Defence Denies the Charge.

Toronto, Nov. 14.—The prosecution of the Dominion Wholesale Grocers' guild charged with being an illegal combine was concluded this afternoon. The argu-

Toronto Librarian Appointed.
Toronto, Nov. 11.—George Locke, dean of the teaching faculty of Macdonald College and acting professor of education in McGill University, was appointed by the public library board as chief librarian in succession to the late Dr. Bain at salary of \$4,000 a year. Dr. Locke, who is 36 years of age, was born at Beaverville, Ont., graduated from the

McAlpin Tobacco Co. Sued.
Toronto, Nov. 14.—Justice Tordoff traversed to December the suit of the McAlpin Tobacco Co. against the former directors of the Consumers' Tobacco Company charging them with using the assets of the new company. The plaintiffs' case is not closed. R. E. Pinchla, manager of the amalgamated firm, testified he used the firm's money to pay out the shareholders in the old Consumers' Company. He did not wish to hold stock in the new company. He did so under authority

New Secretary of the Navy.
Washington, Nov. 14.—Victor H. Metcalf, secretary of the navy, resigned his position today orally to the President and will surrender portfolio to Truman H. Newberry, assistant secretary of the navy, on the 1st of December next. Newberry was appointed secretary of the navy immediately upon the tendering of the resignation from Metcalf. Metcalf resigned because of ill health.

Assaulted in Toronto Suburb.
Toronto, Nov. 14.—Miss Hanson, a middle-aged woman, is in a serious condition

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THE LAUNCHING OF MAMMOTH WARSHIP

When "North Dakota," the first of the Semi-Dreadnaught Type, Made Initial Plunge into the Waters of Free River, She Towed a Submarine High Sea of Uncle Sam Was Marked.

Free River, Nov. 12.—The launching of the "North Dakota," the first of the Semi-Dreadnaught type of vessel to be built for the American navy, was a new step toward the supremacy of Uncle Sam on the high seas. All twelve-inch guns were hidden in her construction, and while much remains to be done in fitting the battleship for active service, all indications point to its completion some months before the expiration of the three-year limit allowed by the government. The keel of the big vessel was laid on December 16, 1912, and by October 1 last the ship was 75 per cent completed. It is expected that the "North Dakota" will be in commission within two years from the date of the laying of her keel, which will break all records of American shipbuilding. When commissioned, she will be commanded by Captain Chas. J. Bagley, superintendent of the Annapolis Naval Academy.

Some History.
The "North Dakota" is a sister ship of the "Delaware," in process of building at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company at Newport News, Va. On October 1 the "Delaware" was 85 per cent completed, according to the official reports to the navy department. A sister ship, has marked the construction of the sister ship.
The "North Dakota" and the "Delaware" are almost precisely alike, each having a long foredeck extending from the bow almost to the center of the vessel. The ten twelve-inch guns are arranged in five turrets, two in a turret, the forward turret being so located that the axis of the gun is twenty-four feet above the water line. Just astern of this turret is another, the foremast of which is the same height for its gun to clear the roof of the forward turret. Aft of the base of the foremast, deck, and also situated on the axis of the ship, are two more twelve-inch gun turrets, one forward and one near the stern is the fifth and last of the big turrets.

The wonderful speed of these big ships, twenty-one knots, makes every other battleship not in the navy a toy. In an action a fleet of "Dreadnaughts" might sweep or decimate ships as suited its convenience. It could also choose its own range and control the rate of change of range.

Although the tremendous power of concentration secured by the ten twelve-inch guns of a "Dreadnaught" is the principal reason for the adoption of this type by all the navies of the world, its cost is much less than four small battleships aggregating the same power. As is the question of maintenance, it follows to infer to keep the big ship in commission than the small one. A million a year to shoot the expense of it. Strange as it may seem, it does not require so many officers in man it. Fewer men are necessary to serve the ten guns of one of our new "Dreadnaughts" than are required for all the guns of the Missouri.

In combat such ships would conquer without waiting a single shot. Secure in the possession of impenetrable armor, they would demand the surrender of the enemy and with the concentrated fire of the big guns would sweep the enemy's ships to the bottom. The "North Dakota" is the first of her kind to be built for the American navy. She is the first of her kind to be built for the American navy. She is the first of her kind to be built for the American navy.

PORT ARTHUR'S POWER.

Engineer Securing Data—After Carnegie Library.

Port Arthur, Nov. 12.—H. S. Dyer, electrical power engineer, is here to secure data for the power available in this district for the use of the commission in planning upon Port Arthur's application for the lake power rights.

SOME LEGRESS LEFT.

Men Held in Slavery and Entered Service.

New York, Nov. 13.—The cases of 21 men held in slavery and entered service in the United States were reported today by the federal grand jury in New York. The cases were reported by the federal grand jury in New York. The cases were reported by the federal grand jury in New York.

CALCUTTA IS IN TERROR.

City Stricken With Attack Over Outbreak of Political Crimes.

Calcutta, Nov. 13.—The city of Calcutta is terrorized by an outbreak of political crimes. The desire for the independence of India has led to the commission of a series of political crimes. The police are now on duty to prevent any further outbreaks of political crimes.

Overthrown by High Stump.

Vancouver, Nov. 13.—James Luby was killed and Ed Baker fatally injured yesterday in an accident at Capstan Channel.

May Not Speculate in Scrip.

Chicago, Nov. 13.—A notice has been issued by the interior department to the effect that employees discovered dealing in government bonds and securities will be subject to instant dismissal from the government service. It was discovered that some employees had been using their position to speculate in government bonds and securities.

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